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2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT A TASK FORCE BE CREATED TO ENSURE THAT FEDERAL
12 STIMULUS MONEY RECEIVED BY NEW MEXICO IS EXPENDED RESPONSIBLY
13 AND THAT NEW MEXICO RECEIVE AS GREAT A SHARE OF THE AVAILABLE
14 STIMULUS MONEY AS POSSIBLE.

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16 WHEREAS, the federal stimulus package, officially known as
17 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, has been
18 recently enacted; and

19 WHEREAS, some federal grants and other distributions are
20 already available for state expenditures; and

21 WHEREAS, the federal government has made it clear that it
22 will award the funding to states that can invest in and
23 complete projects quickly; and

24 WHEREAS, federal tax dollars invested back into programs
25 and jobs in this state can improve the daily lives of all New

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1 Mexicans; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico needs a structure to ensure that the
3 federal stimulus plan in this state is administered in a way
4 that is appropriate, fair, efficient and transparent;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a task force be created to ensure that
7 the federal stimulus money received by New Mexico is expended
8 responsibly and that New Mexico receive as great a share of the
9 available stimulus money as possible; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
11 thirteen voting members as follows: five members of the house
12 of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, no more than three of whom shall be members of
14 the majority party; five members of the senate, appointed by
15 the president pro tempore of the senate after consultation with
16 and agreement of a majority of the members of the senate
17 committees' committee, no more than three of whom shall be
18 members of the majority party; and three members appointed by
19 the governor; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force also be
21 composed of the following six nonvoting members: the
22 lieutenant governor, who shall be the chair of the task force,
23 and a representative of each of New Mexico's congressmen and
24 United States senators; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be staffed by

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1 the staff of the legislative council service and the
2 legislative finance committee; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study and
4 monitor the mechanisms for distributing stimulus money as it
5 becomes available, the mechanisms for prioritizing prospective
6 uses for the money, the procedures for ensuring the
7 appropriateness and effectiveness of the expenditures and the
8 strategies that will ensure that New Mexico receives as much
9 money as possible from the available stimulus funding; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
11 findings and recommendations on a regular basis to the
12 executive branch and to the legislative finance committee; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force prepare and
14 submit summary reports, the first by December 15, 2009 and the
15 second by December 15, 2010, to the legislature and to the
16 governor; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the
19 president pro tempore of the senate, the governor, the
20 lieutenant governor, the New Mexico legislative council, the
21 legislative finance committee, the department of finance and
22 administration and each of New Mexico's congressmen and United
23 States senators.